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Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether the Government will call for the necessary information in this case?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know why the Government say that there is no reason to suppose that the Police would not have behaved otherwise?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"Because, nothing of the kind was brought to our notice."

Alleged beating of Messrs. D. Subbayya and Nabi Sahib at Bapatla on 11th April 1932.

* 148 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that two persons Dassari Subbayya and Nabi Sahib were subjected to a severe lathi charge by the Police of Bapatla on 11th April 1932, after they were taken by the Police into their custody near the Sub-Court;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the said two persons were beaten by eight constables with lathis and casuarina sticks simultaneously;

(*c*) whether the Government have perused the statement of an advocate who was an eye-witness of the same; and

(*d*) what action have the Government taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The facts reported are as follows:—

One Nabi Sahib and his companion tried to enter the Sub-Court, Bapatla, on 11th April 1932 to create a scene. They were promptly turned out. An excited crowd which followed them was ordered by the Sub-Inspector to disperse and on its refusal to do so was dispersed by a cane charge. It is not true that the two persons mentioned in the question were beaten with lathis or casuarina sticks as alleged.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The incident was the subject-matter of a criminal complaint in the Court of the Joint Magistrate, Ongole, who dismissed the complaint under section 203, Criminal Procedure Code. The Government do not propose to take any action in the matter.

Alleged forcible dispersal of a Congress procession at Mangalore on 13th April 1932.

* 149 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there was a peaceful Congress procession on 13th April 1932 in Mangalore town of about 40 Congress volunteers including ladies;

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(b) whether it is a fact that the Police severely beat them with lathis and canes;

(c) whether it is a fact that when they refused to disperse in spite of the severe beating they were all arrested and taken to the Police station;

(d) whether it is a fact that they were admitted into the Wenlock Hospital, Mangalore, for treatment; if so, whether the hon. the Home Member will be pleased to place a copy of the Accident Register or a statement of the District Medical Officer, regarding the number and nature of the injuries received by each of them; and

(e) what is the number of the Police that were utilized to beat and disperse the said procession?

A.—(a) *to* (c) On 13th April 1932 a procession about 35 strong, including five or six women, started to go round the town. It was stopped by the Police and the women were separated. The rest of the processionists were given due warning to disperse and, on their refusal, two cane charges were made. All the processionists were then arrested and taken to the Police station. With the exception of the leaders, the remainder were later released.

(d) & (e) The Government have no information, but will enquire.

Alleged arrest and detention of picketers in the lock-up at Mangalore.

* 150 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that picketers in Mangalore are arrested in the evening since the beginning of this month, taken to the lock-up and detained in the night and let off next morning at about 9 a.m.; and

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that they are not really supplied with any food, though the Station House Officer daily makes a bill for their feeding charges?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Alleged cruelty to picketers arrested in Mangalore.

* 151 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in Mangalore since the beginning of July picketers are arrested and kept in the lock-up during the nights and released next morning at about 9 a.m.;

(b) whether just before they are put in, the floor of the lock-up is watered profusely;

(c) whether all the clothes of the picketers are removed by the Police except a small loin cloth;

(d) whether it is a fact that they are not given any food at night;